

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fire resistant vision panel for assembly in an opening passing through a door, the vision panel comprising:

a first and second flange unit each comprising a ~~preassembled~~ rectangular frame sized to frame the opening and abut a front and rear face of the door; the rectangular frames of the flange units each having four sides attached at corners by welds;

sash elements adapted to extend into the opening from each of the first and second flange units to capture a transparent pane therebetween within the opening;

at least one retention member attached to the first flange unit and extending into the opening beyond a position of the transparent pane with respect to the first flange unit when positioned between the sash elements to grip a sill surface of the opening thereby to retain the first flange unit and its sash element in position for assembly the retention member having an end unobstructed by the first flange unit when the first flange unit is in position for assembly;

a spike positioned on the first end to affix the first end to a core material of a sill surface of the opening to retain the retention member in the opening wherein the spike is sized, oriented and positioned to be driven into the core material by impact of a hammer; and

at least one fastener adapted to draw the first and second flange units and the sash elements together against the pane; and

wherein the sash elements include flanges extending generally parallel to the transparent pane when captured therebetween, ends of the flanges flexing to provide inwardly spring-biased sharp edge portions in contact with said pane wherein said sharp edge portions will embed in said pane to grip the pane when said pane becomes semi-molten in fire.

2. (Currently Amended) The vision panel of claim 1 wherein the ~~retention member has a hole at an inner end thereof and wherein the at least one retention member includes~~ spike is a nail passing through the a hole in the end into a core material of a sill surface of the opening to retain the retention member in the opening.

3. (Previously Presented) The vision panel of claim 1 wherein the fastener is a threaded fastener and wherein the second flange unit includes at least one hole for receiving the threaded fastener therethrough and wherein the retention member further includes a socket threadably receiving an end of the threaded fastener after it has passed through the hole.

4. (Original) The vision panel of claim 3 wherein the socket is attached to the retention member by a spring element allowing movement of the socket toward the second flange unit against a spring force bias.

5. (Original) The vision panel of claim 4 wherein the spring element is a cantilevered tab extending across an axis of the threaded fastener to flex with increased engagement of the threaded fastener.

6. (Original) The vision panel of claim 3 wherein the threaded fastener includes a non-threaded section limiting an engagement of the threaded fastener with the socket.

7. (Original) The vision panel of claim 1 wherein the opening is generally rectangular having four pairwise opposed sill surfaces and wherein the vision panel includes four retention members attached to the first flange unit and extending into the opening to grip each of the respective four sill surfaces.

8. Canceled.

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9. (Original) The vision panel of claim 1 wherein a surface of the retention member support edges of the pane.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A fire resistant vision panel for assembly in an opening through a door, the vision panel comprising:

a first and second flange unit sized to frame the opening and abut front and rear faces of the door;

sash elements adapted to extend into the opening from each of the first and second flange units to hold a transparent pane therebetween within the opening;

at least one spring member attached to the first flange unit and extending into the opening to support on a cantilevered tab, a threaded socket spring-biased toward the first flange unit along a direction therethrough the opening; and

a threaded fastener adapted to engage the second flange unit and the threaded socket to draw the first and second flange units and the sash elements together against the pane

wherein the threaded fastener includes a head and a shank and wherein the shank includes a non-threaded section between the head and a threaded section, the non-threaded section limiting a depth of engagement of the threaded fastener with the threaded socket at a point where a threaded portion of the threaded socket is drawn over the non-threaded section to substantially disengage with the fastener threads as the threaded fastener is advanced;

wherein the limited depth of engagement provides a predetermined compressive force of the sash elements against the pane.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The vision panel of claim 11 wherein the cantilevered tab is attached to the first flange unit extending into the opening, wherein the tab extends across an axis following a length of the threaded fastener to flex with increased engagement of the threaded fastener.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The vision panel of claim 11 wherein the vision panel includes four retention members attached to the first flange unit and extending into the opening to support separate four threaded sockets.

18. (Previously Presented) The vision panel of claim 17 wherein the second flange has four holes for receiving threaded fasteners to engage the four threaded sockets.

19. (Original) The vision panel of claim 11 wherein the sash elements include inwardly biased sharp edge portions in contact with said panel member wherein said sharp edge portions will embed in said panel member when said panel becomes semi-molten.

20. (Original) The vision panel of claim ~~11~~ 18 wherein the upper surface of the retention members supports the bottom of the transparent pane.